



Staff Sgt. Dennis Howard, an Army Reserve drill instructor with the 2-330th Infantry Battalion, One Station Unit Training, leads a march of Chicago teenagers during the Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend hosted at Chicago State University the weekend of Jan. 23-25. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret, 416th Theater Engineer Command)

January 2016

KEY EVENT:
• U.S. Army All-American Bowl Game (Jan. 9)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day (Federal Holiday) U.S. Army Logistics Branch established (2008)	2 Distinguished Service Medal authorized by Presidential Order (1918)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 U.S. Army All-American Bowl
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Operation Desert Storm begins (1991)
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Federal Holiday)	19	20	21	22 Allied forces land at Anzio (1944)	23
24 Operation Just Cause (Panama) ends (1990) 31	25 Battle of the Bulge ends (1945) U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" is formed (1922)	26	27 Paris Peace Accords signed (1973)	28 Vietnam Conflict Ceasefire (1973)	29	30 Tet Offensive begins in South Vietnam (1968)



A soldier from the 79th Ordnance Battalion bows his head as 1st Lt. Michael Will, chaplain, gives the invocation before the prayer breakfast at the Operation Iraqi Freedom Dining Facility on Feb. 19, 2015. (U.S. Army Photo by 1st Lt. Barry Stevenson, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command)

February 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATIONS:
- Black History Month (www.usar.army.mil/BlackHistoryMonth)
 - National Patient Recognition Month (armymedicine.mil)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 National Patient Recognition Week begins (Feb. 1-7)	2 U.S. Army Nurse Corps established (1901)	3	4 The Bronze Star Medal is authorized by Executive Order 9419 (1944)	5	6 Department of Defense approves the Korean Defense Service Medal (2004)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents Day (Federal Holiday)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 The Purple Heart is reintroduced (1932)	23	24	25	26	27 U.S. Army names the "Stryker" in honor of two Medal of Honor recipients (2002)
28 Army receives the first M1 Abrams main battle tank (1980) Operation Desert Storm ends (1981)	29	1	2	3	4	5



"Having Maj. Gen. Williams as my re-enlistment officer was truly an honor. As an aspiring leader I was truly humbled that the general would take time out of his schedule to administer my oath of enlistment," said Spc. Kyle Rose, who re-enlisted March 13, 2015 in front of the USARCENT building in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. "I chose to enlist because I sincerely love people. The Army as a whole needs leaders who are servants first," added Rose.. (U.S. Army Reserve Photo By Master Sgt. Juan Unigarro, 3rd Medical Command)

March 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATIONS:
- National Women’s History Month (www.usar.army.mil/women)
 - National Brain Injury Awareness Month (www.usar.army.mil/tbi)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorized by Congress (1779)	12
13 Daylight Saving Time begins U.S. Army K-9 Corps established (1942))	14	15	16 Legislation establishes U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York (1802)	17	18	19 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003)
20	21	22	23	24	25 National Medal of Honor Day The Organized Reserve was re-designated as the Organized Reserve Corps. (1948)	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29 U.S. involvement in Vietnam War ends (1973)	30	31	1	2



Spc. Randall Reinink, a parachute rigger representing the 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), plots points by flashlight during a night land navigation event during the 377th Theater Sustainment Command Best Warrior Competition at Fort Devens, Mass., April 14. (U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Tien Ngo, 377th Theater Sustainment Command)

April 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month (<http://www.sexualassault.army.mil/>)
 - Month of the Military Child (<http://www.usar.army.mil/ArmyReserveFamilies>)
 - U.S. Army Reserve Birthday (1908) (<http://usar.army.mil/USARBirthday>)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Fort Hood shooting (2014)
3	4	5	6 U.S. enters World War I (1917)	7	8	9 U.S. Army Special Forces Branch established (1987)
10	11	12 U.S. Army Aviation Branch established (1983)	13	14	15	16 President Harry S. Truman signs the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 U.S. Army Reserve Birthday (1908)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Spc. Jason Pangelinan, 797th Engineer Company, participates in the obstacle course event during the 2015 U.S. Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 6. This year's Best Warrior competition will determine the top noncommissioned officer and junior enlisted Soldier who will represent the Army Reserve in the Department of the Army Best Warrior competition later this year at Fort Lee, Va. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Felix R. Fimbres, 311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary))

May 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:
- National Asian Pacific Heritage Month (<http://www.usar/army.mil/asianpacificamericans>)
 - National Military Appreciation Month
 - Women's Health Care Month (armymedicine.mil)
 - National Mental Health Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 First U.S. Army award issued by George Washington (Badge of Military Merit, 1783)	4	5	6 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	7
8 Victory in Europe Day (1945) Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 U.S. Army Ordnance Corps established (1812)
15 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Women's Army Auxiliary Corps into law (1942)	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day U.S. Military Academy at West Point Class of 2016 Commencement
22	23	24 First three-star Chief of Army Reserve, Major General Thomas Plewes (2001)	25	26	27	28 First female cadets graduate from United States Military Academy (1980)
29	30 Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)	31	1	2	3	4



A U.S. Army Reserve Soldier in a hazardous material suits go through simulated decontamination procedures on mannequins after being exposed to chemicals during Operation Guardian 15, June 25, near Ocala, Fla. More than 500 Army Reserve Soldiers and an active Army unit are participating in the exercise to test their search and rescue, hazardous materials, decontamination, and medical triage capabilities. (U.S. Army photo by Brian Godette, U.S. Army Reserve Command)

June 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATION:
- National Safety Month (<https://safety.army.mil/>)
 - D-Day commemoration (<http://www.army.mil/d-day/>)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 Officers Reserve Corps and Enlisted Reserve Corps was established (1916)	4
5	6 D-Day - Allied forces invade Normandy (1944)	7	8	9	10	11
12 Congress passes the Women's Armed Services Integration Act (1948)	13	14 U.S. Army Birthday U.S. Army Infantry Branch established (1775) Flag Day	15	16 Adjutant General's, Finance, and Quartermaster Corps, and Corps of Engineers established (1775)	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 U.S. Army Air Corps becomes U.S. Army Air Forces (1941) U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Branch established (1860)	21 U.S. Army Signal Corps established (1860)	22 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill (1944)	23	24	25 Korean War begins (1950)
26 Berlin Airlift begins (1948)	27	28 U.S. Army Chemical Corps established (1918)	29	30	1	2



Engineer Soldiers from the 501st, 310th and 341st Engineer Companies brave strong winds to hook up bridge components to Chinook helicopters to be moved to the Arkansas River during River Assault 2015, on July 31, at Fort Chaffee, Ark. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Roger Ashley, 412th Theater Engineer Command)

July 2016

KEY COMMEMORATION:
• Battle of Gettysburg (www.army.mil/gettysburg)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Branch established (1962) All-Volunteer Force anniversary (1973) Battle of Gettysburg begins (1863)	2 Congress authorizes Soldier's Medal (1926)
3 Battle of Gettysburg ends (1863)	4 Independence Day (Federal Holiday)	5	6 President Harry S. Truman signs executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom (1945)	7 The first female cadets enrolled at United States Military Academy (1976)	8	9 U.S. Army Warrant Officers Corps established (1918) Organized Reserve transformed into the U.S. Army Reserve(1952)
10	11 Lexington Minuteman statue becomes the symbol of the minuteman, the crest for all Organized Reserve units.(1922)	12 Congress approves an Army Medal of Honor (1862)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 U.S. Army Transportation Corps established (1942) 31	25	26 Executive Order 9981 Armed Forces orders integration of the U.S. Armed Forces (1948)	27 U.S. Army Medical Department established (1775) Korean War ends (1953)	28	29 U.S. Army Chaplain Corps and Judge Advocate General's Corps established (1775)	30



Staff Sgt. Karen Fittanto, 85th Support Command, meets a young child during the Arlington Heights Police Department’s National Night Out (NNO) community event, Aug. 4. The annual community event, which connects the local community with law enforcement and first responders, brought in an estimated 4000 in attendance. Soldiers also from the 327th Military Police Battalion participated, simultaneously, in another NNO at the Village of Rolling Meadows. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L Taylor, 85th Support Command)

August 2016

KEY COMMEMORATION:
• Antiterrorism Awareness Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 U.S. Army Ambulance Corps established (1862))	3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday (1790))	5	6
7 Operation Desert Shield begins (1990) George Washington establishes Badge of Military Merit: Purple Heart (1782)	8	9	10 President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Bill to establish the Department of Defense (1949)	11	12	13
14	15 The 82nd Infantry Division becomes the U.S. Army's first airborne division (1942))	16 National Airborne Day)	17 U.S. Army Civil Affairs/Military Government Branch established (1955)	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



The Army Reserve’s 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) held a memorial service to honor one of its own Sept. 13 at Sharp Field on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Spc. Carlos Del Castillo, a Soldier with the 404th’s Bravo Company, died Aug. 22 due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. (Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, 99th Regional Support Command)

September 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:
- National Hispanic Heritage Month (www.usar.army.mil/hispanics)
 - National Preparedness Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Japan surrenders aboard the USS Missouri (Victory in Japan Day, 1945)	3 The American flag is flown in battle for the first time (1777)
4	5 Labor Day (Federal Holiday) National Suicide Prevention Week begins (Sept. 5-11)	6	7	8	9	10
11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Partial mobilization of reserve forces in support of 9/11 aftermath (2001)	15 National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)	16 National POW/MIA Recognition Day President Franklin D. Roosevelt approves military draft (1940)	17
18 U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)	19	20 “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” is repealed (2011)	21	22 Gen. Omar Bradley is promoted to five-star general (1950)	23	24 Guardians of Freedom: Operation Arkansas (1957)
25 Gold Star Mother’s Day	26 U.S. Army Military Police Corps established (1941)	27	28	29 Berlin Airlift ends (1949)	30	1



After losing his balance on a rope bridge obstacle, a Soldier in Basic Combat Training with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, attempts to complete the task by using pure upper body strength to shimmy across to the other side with his Drill Sgt. looking on, Oct. 28, 2015. Soldiers in Basic Combat Training must complete all tasks at Victory Tower on Fort Jackson, S.C., which also boasts a 40-foot rappelling wall, in order to graduate. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hamilton, 108th Training Command- Initial Entry Training)

October 2016

KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:
• Domestic Violence Awareness Month
• Depression Education Awareness Month

- Disability Employment Awareness Month
- Army Cybersecurity & Energy Awareness Month
- Best Warrior Competition (www.usar.army.mil/bestwarrior)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Women's Army Corps (WAC) established (1943)
2	3	4	5	6	7 Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan (2001)	8
9	10 Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)	11	12	13 U.S. Navy Birthday (1775) U.S. Army Acquisition Corps established (1989)	14	15 National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
16 First female Army Reserve graduate of Army Ranger School, Maj. Lisa Jaster (2015)	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Beirut Barracks Bombings (1983)	24	25 U.S. Forces invade Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury, 1983)	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Cpl. Brittany Montana, a U.S. Army Reserve Soldier with the 354th Military Police Company, of St. Louis, pulls the charging handle of an M2 Browning .50-caliber machine gun during a familiarization range at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Nov. 5. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Michel Sauret, 200th Military Police Command)

November 2016

- KEY COMMEMORATIONS:
- National Native American Heritage Month (www.usar.army.mil/americanindians)
 - Warrior Care Month (www.army.mil/readyandresilient)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 Fort Hood shooting (2009)
6 Daylight Saving Time ends	7	8	9	10 U.S. Marine Corps Birthday (1775)	11 Veterans Day (Federal Holiday) World War I ends (1918)	12
13 The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated at the National Mall (1982)	14 The Battle of Ia Drang begins (1965)	15 The 82nd Airborne Division makes its permanent home at Fort Bragg (1948)	16	17 U.S. Army Field Artillery Branch established (1775)	18 The Battle of Ia Drang ends (1965)	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day (Federal Holiday)	25 President John F. Kennedy laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery (1963)	26
27 General Order 155 establishes Army War College (1901)	28	29 First Army-Navy football game at West Point (1890)	30	1	2	3



Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. James Desjardin (left), of Cocoa Beach, Fla., embraces his son, Austin, after pinning the rank of second lieutenant on his shoulders at the fall Reserve Officers' Training Corps commissioning ceremony at Clemson University, Dec. 16, 2015. Second Lt. Desjardin will be stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as an Army nurse for his first assignment. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Ken Scar, 108th Training Command-Initial Entry Training)

December 2016

- KEY EVENTS:
- Year in Photos (www.usar.army.mil/yearinphotos)
 - Battle of the Bulge (www.army.mil/botb)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Attack on Pearl Harbor (1941)	8 U.S. declares war on Japan (1941)	9	10 Army-Navy game Gen. George C. Marshall receives Nobel Peace Prize (1953)
11	12 U.S. Army Cavalry Armor Branch established (1776) U.S. Army song is announced (1957)	13 National Guard Birthday (1653)	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16 Battle of the Bulge begins (1944) Gen. George Marshall promoted to five-star general (1944)	17 Wreaths Across America
18 Gen. Douglas MacArthur promoted to five-star general (1944)	19	20 Gen. Dwight Eisenhower promoted to five-star general (1944) Operation Just Cause (Panama) begins (1989)	21 Gen. Henry Arnold promoted to five-star general (1944)	22	23	24 Treaty of Ghent signed, ending War of 1812 (1814)
25 Christmas	26	27	28 Operation Enduring Freedom ends (2014)	29	30	31 New Year's Eve